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Letter dated 23 May 2005 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to write on behalf of President Thabo Mbeki in his capacity as Mediator for the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire with reference to the Pretoria Agreement signed by the Ivorian parties on 6 April 2005.

Pursuant to the Pretoria Agreement on the Peace Process in Côte d'Ivoire, President Mbeki wishes to request the United Nations on behalf of the Ivorian people to participate in the organization of general elections (see paragraph 10 of the Agreement (S/2005/270, annex I)).

The Mediator hopes that the Security Council will soon agree on the appointment of a competent authority acting in the name of the international community invested with the necessary powers and uncontested moral authority to guarantee transparency and the strict respect of the rules governing the election.

We respectfully request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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